

Minutes of the VV&A TWG, 21 November 1995

1. TWG Attendance:

Dr. Patricia Sanders, Chair	William Dunn
LTC Peter Polk, DMSO	Dennis Shea
Lt Col Mark Jefferson, DMSO	LCDR Dave Hattery
Priscilla Glasow, DMSO Rep	Jim Sikora
Dr. Paul Muessig	CDR Steve Petri
John Sessler	Jerry Lenczowski
Ray Miller	Simone Youngblood
David Reed	LtCol Crash Konwin
Larry Staudmeister	

2. The following attendees represented the DMSO Data and MSRR communities in support of the agenda topics:

Gary Misch, DMSO Support	Dr. Chien Huo, DMSO
Mike Borowski	Mike Hopkins
Wanda Wharton	Susan Solick
Joanne Gasper	
Dennis Laack (contractor support to SMART JPO)	
Lisa Rank (contractor support to SMART JPO)	
Dale Atkinson (support to JACG/LCDR Hattery)	

3. Dr. Sanders convened the meeting at 0830 at the Test and Evaluation Center, 2001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Lt Col Jefferson presented a short DMSO update, highlighting the work being done to meet the objectives of the DoD M&S Master Plan, which was signed on 17 October 1995. He commented on the recent establishment of the three functional area Councils under the EXCIMS (Acquisition, Analysis, and Training). He also discussed the work which is being planned to develop Master Plan Objectives 3 (Provide authoritative representations of systems) and 4 (Provide authoritative representations of human behavior). Lt Col Jefferson illustrated the relationship of the city planning analogy to the DMSO mission, and how these varied efforts complement each other and contribute to the overall mission.

4. The second agenda topic was a discussion of how technical support services to accreditation authorities might be planned for and implemented. Mrs. Priscilla Glasow provided a brief status of where this item is in DMSO's program for funding and development. Dr. Paul Muessig briefed the SMART vision for accreditation services support. Dr. Sanders indicated that the TWG should consider the nature and scope of the services intended by the DoD M&S Master Plan, and noted that today's briefing was intended to kick-off thinking on the subject. Future TWG meetings will present alternative concepts, including DMSO decisions which impact this program.

5. Dr. Paul Muessig briefed the Accreditation Support Database (ASD) to the group and provided a brief demonstration of its major features and functions. The ASD was acknowledged as having potential value as the vehicle by which to incorporate VV&A information into the MSRR, although considerable work still needs to be done to ensure that duplication and inconsistencies between databases and formats do not occur. Issues which need to be addressed include accessibility/security, how to motivate DoD to populate the VV&A database, accuracy and adequacy of information entered in the database, and determining who is the authoritative data source of data entry. Distinction was made between information on the model itself which is already included in existing MSRR formats, and VV&A information which is the focus of the database. Messgrs. Bill Dunn, Steve Petri, Ray Miller, Dennis Shea and David Reed were asked to investigate the commonalities between VV&A information needs across the functional areas. Dr. Chien Huo was asked to assess the fit of the ASD into the MSRR and provide information to the group at the next meeting.

6. The next meeting of the VV&A TWG is 0930-1330, 5 January 1996 in the Test and Evaluation Center (TEC), 8th floor, IDA.